

*and rules for filing of financial statements*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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"(2) With the exception of the initial appointees, each member shall hold office for a term of six (6) years and until his successor is appointed and has qualified. In making the initial appointments, each appointing officer shall designate one (1) appointee to serve a term of two (2) years, one (1) appointee to serve a term of four (4) years, and one (1) appointee to serve a term of six (6) years. Interim vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as vacancies due to expiration of a full term, but only for the unexpired portion of the term in question.

"(3) The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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"(6) The commission may hold its meetings, hearings and other proceedings at such times and places as it shall determine but shall meet at Austin at least once each year to review existing rules of ethics, compensation rates, mileage and per diem rates, and to make any changes deemed necessary.

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*Bates for amendment #1*

*Bates Amendment #3*

*Bates Amendment #2*

*Amendment #4 given*

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"(9) Until otherwise provided by the commission, each member of the legislature shall receive from the public treasury an annual salary of \$4,800 per year and per diem not exceeding \$12 per day for the first 120 days only of each regular session and for 30 days of each special session of the legislature. No regular session shall be of longer duration than 140 days. In addition to the per diem, the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed \$2.50 for every 25 miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel, from a table of distances prepared by the comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter established; no member to be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of the regular or called session."

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RESOLUTION ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION:

Proposes a constitutional amendment to establish a commission to set rules of ethics for legislators and state officers and employers of the legislature and to prescribe compensation for legislators, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:

Amends Article III, Section 24, Constitution, to read:

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- "(2) Members to hold staggered 6 year terms.
- "(3) Members to be reimbursed for expenses.
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- "(7) All rules and rates shall be proclaimed before each regular session of the legislature convenes, and a certified copy shall be filed with the Secretary of State. Every rule shall take effect on the 31st day of the regular session following the proclamation

- unless disapproved by resolution of both houses.
- "(8) Commission to investigate alleged violations of rules of ethics and to report findings to the appropriate state agency, official, or legislative body.
- "(9) Until otherwise provided by the commission, compensation, per diem, and mileage rates shall remain as they are.

Section 2: Amendment to be submitted to the electorate at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the expiration of 100 days from the date on which the resolution is filed with the Secretary of State; provides for working of ballot.

Austin, Texas

January 28, 1971

Hon. Ben Barnes  
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments,  
to which was referred S.J.R. ~~EX~~ No. 15, have had the same  
under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to  
the Senate with the recommendation that it do \_\_\_\_\_  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ printed.

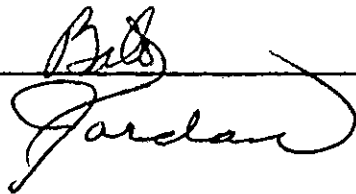
  
Chairman

Amendment No. 1

Amend Section 1 of S. J. R. No. 15 by deleting paragraph (5) of the quoted Section 24 and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"(5) The commission shall promulgate rules of ethics to govern the conduct of members of the legislature, elected and appointed state officials, and employees of the legislature; and shall further promulgate rules providing that each member of the legislature and all elected and appointed officials shall file with the Secretary of State a statement under oath reflecting the complete financial condition of each of such persons within thirty (30) days after their election or appointment, and that every candidate seeking election to any state office shall file with the Secretary of State a statement under oath reflecting the complete financial condition of each of such persons within ten (10) days after the filing deadline for the election in which the person is a candidate."

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**ADOPTED**

FEB 4 1971

  
SECRETARY OF SENATE



Amendment No. 2

Amend Section 1 of S. J. R. No. 15 by deleting paragraph (8) of the quoted Section 24 and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"(8) The commission is empowered to investigate any alleged violation of rules promulgated by it, and report the result of such investigation to the appropriate legislative body, the Governor of Texas, and the Attorney General of Texas, and shall file a copy thereof with the Secretary of State."

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ADOPTED

FEB 4 1971

Wm. Schmale

SECRETARY OF SENATE

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

BY Brook

Amend Section 1 of Senate Joint Resolution Number 15 by adding new paragraphs (6) and (7) in the quoted Section 24 and by renumbering the subsequent paragraphs accordingly. The new paragraphs are to read as follows:

"(6) The commission shall recommend expense limits for members of the legislature and their legislative offices and employees. The legislature shall not exceed the recommendations of the commission.

"(7) Any conflicting laws which exist at the time of the adoption of this constitutional amendment and provide for a code of ethics for members of the legislature, elected or appointed state officials, or employees of the legislature shall be superseded by the rules promulgated by this commission."

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Charles Schuck

SECRETARY OF SENATE

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Amendment #

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Amend Section 2 of SJR 15  
by deleting the following  
language

"the first Tuesday after the  
expiration of 100 days from  
the date on which this resolution  
is filed with the secretary of  
state"

and substitute therefor  
the following

"May 18, 1971"

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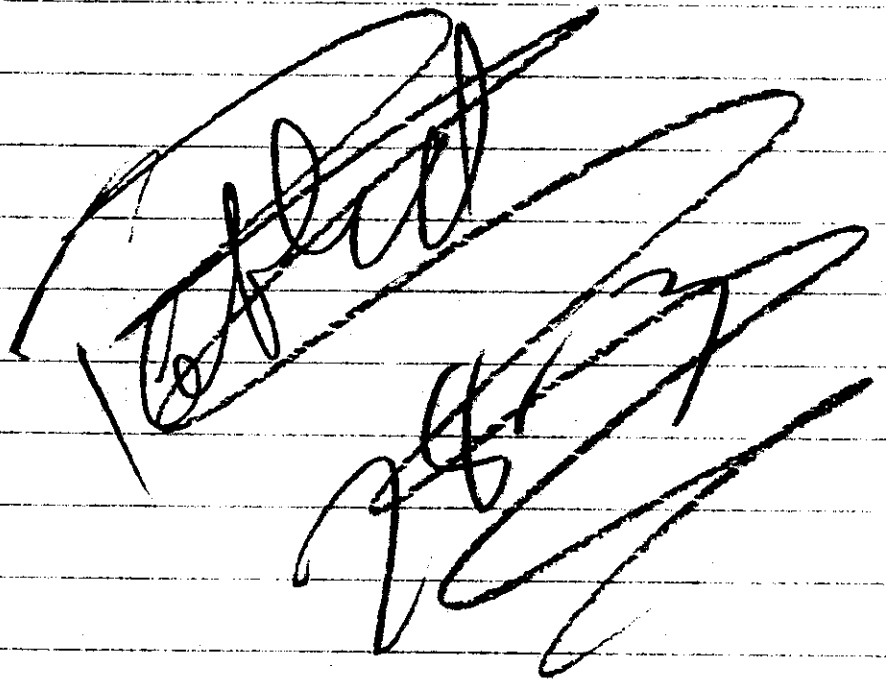
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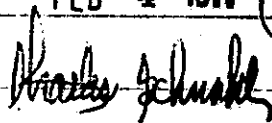
Amend 59, R 15, Section 24  
by striking all of  
paragraph (4).

And that the succeeding sections be  
renumbered to conform.

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Amend caption to conform to body  
of bill.

SJR No. 15

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SECRETARY OF SENATE



By: Kennard  
Brooks, et al

S. J. R. No. 15

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FORM C

(For a favorable report on a bill where a "committee substitute" was recommended by the committee.)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Date February 4, 1971

HON. G. F. (GUS) MUTSCHER

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred SJR No. 15, have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Committee Substitute was recommended and is to be printed in lieu of the original bill.

John A. Meehan  
Chairman.

(A "committee substitute" in the case of a bill is in the form of two suggested amendments, a new body and a new caption. Under the Rules a committee may authorize the printing of the "committee substitute" in lieu of the original bill. If the original caption is adequate, the "committee substitute" should be only a new body; and in such case the original caption should be printed along with the suggested new body.)



## Committee on Constitutional Amendments

BILL ANALYSISBackground information:

A non-partisan, appointive member commission has long been considered the optimum institution to effectuate a strong internal ethics policy.

Purpose of the Resolution:

Establishes a State Commission of Ethics to promulgate rules of ethics and set salaries of elected and appointed officials of the State of Texas.

Section by Section Analysis:

Section 1: Amends Article III, Section 24, of the Texas Constitution to read as follows:

"Section 24. (1) Creates the State Ethics Commission and specifies its membership.

(2) Provides for six-year terms for commission members.

(3) Provides for reimbursement for actual expenses.

(4) Provides that the commission shall set the salary and per diem of the members of the Legislature, with the authority of the Speaker and Lt. Governor at a higher level than other members.

(5) Authorizes the commission to promulgate rules of ethics to govern the conduct of all officeholders appointive or elective of any office, department, district, agency, commission, board, or any governmental unit or branch established by the Constitution or laws of this State; further requires all elective officeholders or candidates to file a statement of financial condition with the secretary of state.

(6) Requires the commission to meet once each year in Austin.

(7) requires rules promulgated by the commission to be filed with the secretary of state; and that all changes shall take effect on the 31st day of the regular session unless disapproved by either house.

(8) Authorizes the commission to investigate and report alleged violations of the rules of ethics promulgated by the commission.

(9) Retains existing compensation and per diem rates until changed by the commission in the appropriate manner.

Summary of Committee Action:

Passed, as amended, by a voice vote.

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the typing -  
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BY RUGENT

Amend ~~Committee Amendment No. 1 to~~ S.J.R. No. 15 by striking all below the resolving clause and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

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"(2) With the exception of the initial appointees, each member shall hold office for a term of six (6) years and until his successor is appointed and has qualified. In making the initial appointments, each appointing officer shall designate one (1) appointee to serve a term of two (2) years, one (1) appointee to serve a term of four (4) years, and one (1) appointee to serve a term of six (6) years. Interim vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as vacancies due to expiration of a full term, but only for the unexpired portion of the term in question. ~~The membership shall designate one of its members to serve as chairman for a period of two years.~~

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"(5) The commission shall promulgate rules of ethics to govern the conduct of all legislators, legislative officers and all officeholders, appointive or elective, of any office, department, district agency, commission, board or any governmental unit or branch established by or under the authority of the Constitution and laws of the state of Texas and all persons who shall use any privilege of the floor in either house of the legislature. The Texas State Ethics Commission shall further promulgate rules providing that each member of the legislature and each of the hereinabove named officeholders upon election and any appointee to any of these offices shall file with the State Ethics Commission a statement under oath setting out a complete financial statement in detail within 10 days after being elected or receiving an appointment. This information shall be privileged information to the State Ethics Commission to be used <sup>only</sup> by them to determine if there exists a conflict of interests or if there is or has been a violation of any of the rules of ethics promulgated by the Texas State Ethics Commission or any laws of the State of Texas. *The legislature shall enact statutes dealing with unauthorized disclosure or misuse of said privileged information*

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"(7) All rules of ethics, compensation rates, mileage allowances or per diem rates currently in force, as well as all changes and recommendations by the State Ethics Commission shall be promulgated before the convening of any session of the legislature by filing a certified copy of the proclamation with the Secretary of State.

(a) Each rule of ethics or change thereof made by the commission shall take effect on the 15th day of the legislative session following the proclamation unless disapproved before that day by resolution of either house of the legislature.

(b) All rates of compensation, mileage allowances or per diem rates and all changes and recommendations made by the commission thereof shall not take effect until approved section by section by resolution of both houses of the legislature.

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READ AND ADOPTED

*Dorothy Hallman*  
CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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By NUGENT

Amendment No. 2

Amend S.J.R. No. 15, House 2nd Printing, by striking  
all above the Resolving Clause and substituting in  
lieu thereof the following:

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Lieutenant Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 15 was adopted by the Senate on February 4, 1971, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; February 5, 1971, Senate concurred in House Amendments by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 1.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 15 was adopted by the House on February 5, 1971, with Amendments, by the following vote: Yeas 106, Nays 16.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

2-5-71

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

4:10 PM O'Clock

FEB 5 1971

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Secretary of State

S.J.R. No. 15

By Remond and Brooks

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article III, Section 24, of the Texas Constitution, to establish a commission to set rules of ethics for legislators and state officers and employees of the legislature and to prescribe compensation for legislators, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

JAN 26 1971

Read, referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments

FEB 1 1971

Reported favorably.

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed.

FEB 4 1971

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by

unanimous consent.  
28 yeas, 3 nays.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

FEB 4 1971

Read second time and ordered engrossed, as amended  
passed to third reading.

FEB 4 1971

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

FEB 4 1971

Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

FEB 4 1971

Read third time and passed by a viva voce vote.  
31 yeas, 0 nays.

OTHER ACTION:

Charles Schnabel

Secretary of the Senate

2-4-71 Engrossed.

FEB 4 1971 Sent to HOUSE

ENGROSSING CLERK

FEB 4 1971

Received from  
the Senate

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

FEB 4 1971

READ 1st TIME  
AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

Constitutional  
Amendments

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

FEB 5 1971

MOTION TO SUSPEND ALL NECESSARY RULES IN  
ORDER TO TAKE UP AND CONSIDER AT THIS TIME  
SJR#15 PREVAILED BY NON-RECORD VOTE.

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

FEB 5 1971

READ SECOND

TIME Amended AND

ORDERED ENGROSSED

Finally adopted by  
Vote of 106 yeas,  
9-16 noes

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

FEB 4 1971 REPORTED FAVORABLY AS AMENDED SENT TO PRINTER

PRINTED, DISTRIBUTED AND

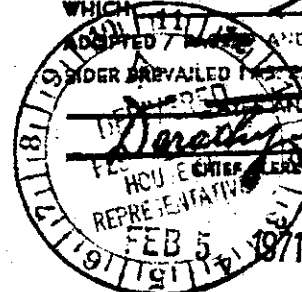
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEB 5 1971

RULES (M) (Date)

FEB 5 1971

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY

WHICH SJR#15 WAS  
ADOPTED / PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECON-  
SIDER PREVAILED BY A non-record VOTE OF



RETURNED TO SENATE

RETURNED FEB 5 1971 *with*  
FROM HOUSE

The Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses.

*Senate Concurred:*

*Kenned Brooks*

*Mauzy, Lightner, Dale*

FEB 5 1971 *Vote by which*

The Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses *was*

*reconsidered by Viva Joe*

Senate concurred in House amendments by the following vote: 25  
yeas, 1 nays